Metro South

School Programs

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Through field studies and classroom explorations, Mass Audubon provides hands-on, inquiry-based experiences with science content and practices. Our educators enhance students’ scientific understanding of species and habitats; ecological concepts such as food webs, cycles, systems, adaptation, and evolution; climate change; and interrelationships between people and nature.

About Mass Audubon Metro South

The wildlife sanctuaries of Metro South offer a diversity of resources that make our school programs unique and versatile, including a working farm, an innovate art workshop, native wildlife “ambassadors,” and a variety of unique habitats and wildlife. Our programs use these resources to provide fun, engaging, hands-on experiences that connect students with nature, build observation and literacy skills, and help teachers meet state education standards.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum, Milton
Museum of American Bird Art, Canton
Moose Hill, Sharon
Stony Brook, Norfolk

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We Meet You Where You Are

Programs at your school, at our wildlife sanctuaries, or wherever nature is most accessible for you

Whether you want to bring nature into the classroom or take lessons outside, our programs offer insight into New England habitats and native species and enrich natural history and science lessons while strengthening students’ connections to the environment.

Accessible Programs

Mass Audubon is committed to providing engaging, exciting, meaningful, and enduring educational programs, field trips, and learning activities for students with a broad range of physical, sensory, and learning needs.

Our educators strive to design and deliver adaptive programs that align to educational best practices and meet the needs of all students. The award-winning, ADA-compliant, interpretive All Persons Trails at many of our wildlife sanctuaries are open for all visiting school groups, providing access to wetland boardwalks, wildlife viewing areas, and gardens for birds, butterflies, and more.

We will gladly work with you to meet the needs of your classroom. For more information, please contact your local sanctuary.
Our Wildlife Sanctuaries

**Museum of American Bird Art Education Center**, Canton

The Museum of American Bird Art Education Center (MABA) in Canton is a 124-acre wildlife sanctuary with over 2 miles of trails and a diversity of incredible habitats, wildlife, and plants, including pine forest, hickory and maple forest, red maple wetlands, vernal pools, a meadow, and a native plant pollinator garden. MABA is also home to The Nest, a design workshop and art studio that empowers people to imagine and create a better future and more climate-resilient communities by using the tools of art and design. Students will create art, be inspired by nature, and have the ability to discover hidden talents and interest in themselves.

**Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary**, Norfolk

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary is home to an incredible series of wetlands, an extensive boardwalk system, 244 acres of natural habitat, and over 2 miles of trails. The boardwalk system will take students through forests, fields, and wetlands for up-close views of wildlife, including wood ducks, great blue herons, beavers, and more.

**Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary**, Sharon

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is home to nearly 2,000 acres of natural habitat, 20 miles of trails, an organic farm, and a seasonal maple sugaring operation. On a field trip, students will have the opportunity for experiential learning in a diversity of forest, field, and vernal pool habitats.

**Blue Hills Trailside Museum**, Milton

Operated in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Blue Hills Trailside Museum is the interpretive center for the state-owned Blue Hills Reservation and features a natural history museum and outdoor exhibits of native wildlife, including Snowy Owls and a Red Fox. The nearby Blue Hills Reservation has over 125 miles of trails through a diversity of habitats, including forest, meadow, and ponds.
Early Childhood & Elementary

Our Early Childhood and Elementary programs combine standards-aligned science content with the joy and excitement of learning about nature. We can bring the natural world to you through programs in your classroom, connect students to the ecology of their own schoolyard, or facilitate scientific exploration on a field trip at one of our wildlife sanctuaries.

Mass Audubon’s Signature Program

Science of Massachusetts
A Mass Audubon Education Program

Science of Massachusetts is a multi-week curriculum for grades K–8 that will engage your students in exciting, hands-on, nature-based science right in their own schoolyard.

See page 5 for more details.

Additional Programs

Habitat is Home
Grades Pre-K–2 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: Discover the amazing habitats, wildlife, and food chains in Massachusetts. Students will learn what makes a good habitat, solve local food chain puzzles, create their own habitat art, and meet a live animal.
Field Trip: Go exploring and discover birds, insects, frogs, dragonflies, and more, have fun on a scavenger hunt searching for living and the non-living things, and learn how to protect local habitats.
Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Arms, Legs, and Tails, Oh My!
Grades Pre-K–2 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: Meet a live animal and discover how organisms have unique adaptations to thrive in their environment. To reinforce learning, students will create an imaginary animal with specialized body parts.
Field Trip: Compare the arms, legs, and tails of wildlife you discover to learn how they survive. Search for tracks and traces along the trails, and see if you can walk like a deer, rabbit, frog, and more.
Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace
Nature Tales  
Grades Pre-K–2 | fall, winter, or spring  
Classroom: 1 hour
Students will enjoy actively learning about nature with an interactive story, ask questions and build connections with touchable natural artifacts including feathers and skulls, and meet a live animal. These programs can be combined to form a year-long series.

Owls
Whooo wants to learn all about owls? Students will practice different owl calls and behaviors during an interactive story, and investigate touchable natural artifacts to discover how owls look, feel, and survive. Then, they’ll meet a live native owl.

Five Senses
Are your ears as sharp as an owl’s, or your fingers as sensitive as a raccoon’s? Students will compare animals’ senses to their own with an interactive story, and investigate natural artifacts to discover how animals use their senses to survive. Then, they’ll learn about the senses of a live native animal.

Animal Movements
What makes animals hop, run, leap, or swim? Students will act out different animal movements along with an interactive story, and handle natural artifacts to discover how animal’s bodies help them move in different ways. Then, they’ll meet a live native animal and identify how its movements help it survive.

Habitats
What do animals need to survive in their habitat? Students will create a list of the most important things in an animal’s home by reading an interactive story and investigating touchable natural artifacts. Then, they’ll meet a live native animal and learn about its habitat.

Location: At your school

Local Food Webs  
Grades 3–5 | fall, winter, or spring  
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: Learn how energy flows through an ecosystem with an interactive activity, create a colorful 3D paper food chain to reinforce learning, and meet a local live animal to discover how it fits into its food web.

Field Trip: Explore local food webs and habitats in person. Investigate a fallen log to learn about decomposers, and discover how energy moves through trophic levels with a food web game.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Rivers to Sea

A Year-long Program to Discover and Protect Your Local Watershed

In the Rivers to Sea program, students (grades 5–12) and teachers partner with Mass Audubon educators to explore, research, and take action in their local watershed, learning to recognize the importance and interconnectedness of watershed systems, from rivers to sea.

Units available for grades 5–12. Learn more on page 7.
Additional Programs

Landscapes and Runoff
Grades 3–5  |  fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour  |  Field Trip: 2 hours

Classroom: Build your own landscape model and test its permeability to connect land use with pollution and flooding. Then, meet a live animal and determine how runoff and pollution impact wildlife.

Field Trip: Investigate which type of soil is the best at filtering runoff with a hands-on experiment. Test the water for pollution, and look up close at indicator species like frogs and dragonflies.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Variation and Survival
Grades 3–5  |  fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour  |  Field Trip: 2 hours

Classroom: Play a bird beak survival game to understand how variation influences evolution, and learn about real world examples of variation. Then, apply these ideas to the traits of a live animal ambassador.

Field Trip: Use nature journaling to better understand inherited and environmental traits of live organisms. Compare the traits of animals and plants that you find and create a class field guide to reinforce learning.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Awesome Owls
Grades 3–5  |  fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour

Discover the adaptations that make owls such successful nocturnal predators, and build observation and investigation skills by handling touchable nature artifacts such as skulls and feathers in small groups at inquiry-based science stations. Students will meet two live owls that are native to Massachusetts.

Location: At your school

Birds of Prey
Grades 3–5  |  fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour

Learn about the different birds of prey that call Massachusetts home. Students handle nature artifacts in small groups at inquiry-based exploration stations to investigate the identification, adaptations, and ecological role of birds of prey. Then, students will meet two live birds of prey that are native to Massachusetts.

Location: At your school

Animal Classification
Grades 3–5  |  fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour

How and why do scientists classify living things? Working in small teams, students will create their own simple classification systems for sets of natural items from the museum’s collections. After discovering the characteristics used to classify the main classes of vertebrates, students will then meet living representatives of two different classes.

Location: At your school

Full STEAM Ahead

Specialty series programming

STEAM-based curriculums are designed to teach students essential science practices over a series of 6 classroom visits.

Available for grades K-5. Learn more on page 9.
Science of Massachusetts

Science of Massachusetts (SOM) is a multi-week curriculum for grades K–8 that will engage your students in exciting, hands-on, nature-based science right in their own schoolyard. This is a wonderful way to help your students get outside for a healthy dose of nature, even when field trips are not possible.

Curriculum Overview

Tightly aligned to the Massachusetts Science Curriculum Frameworks, SOM takes K–8 students on a deep dive into science concepts through inquiry-based, outdoor learning. Students will complete field journaling assignments and investigations that help them develop important science practices and be invited to find their place in nature and impact their world, whether they live in an urban, suburban, or rural community.

This program is offered in a unique format. Each unit is designed as a series, with one lesson completed over the course of a week. Each lesson includes:

- An engaging, short video that introduces the lesson topic and can be viewed in the classroom or as homework.
- An outdoor field journaling assignment led by the classroom teacher, inviting students to connect with nature through place-based, hands-on science learning.
- A Mass Audubon-led sensemaking session, which allows time for students to deepen their understanding of science concepts and engage in science practices together.

Support is available for districts with financial challenges, and our curriculum is designed to be accessible to all learners. Training is available to support teachers implementing the curriculum for the first time.
Grades K–2

Soil Science: Where the Minibeasts Are
5-week series

In this unit, we will explore different types of “minibeasts” or invertebrates, like worms, pill bugs, and millipedes. Students will engage in outdoor investigations to find out where the best place is for a minibeast to live, then document their observations in field journals and use evidence to explain how different schoolyard habitats may or may not support the needs of invertebrates. Finally, students will expand their investigation to understand how humans can learn from minibeasts to protect their local environment.

Rooted in Science: Trees!
7-week series

Trees provide much more than shade or pretty additions to city streets and neighborhood parks. This unit explores habitats, adaptations, and life cycles, with trees as a unifying theme. With accessibility to all learners as a priority, lessons highlight the diversity of trees across various Massachusetts habitats, including suburban, urban, and rural areas.

Grades 3–5

Energy on Earth
7-week series

Learn how energy from the sun powers life on Earth, both living processes and the technologies we use to power our communities. Each lesson explores one aspect of the energy cycle within biotic and abiotic systems, including photosynthesis, consumers, decomposers, and renewable and non-renewable energies.

Stronger Storms: Taking Action for Community Resilience
6-week series

In this unit, students will get outside and investigate the ways stronger storms impact their communities, specifically through rain and snow. They will identify places of vulnerability and places of resilience in their schoolyard or neighborhood. As a culminating project, they will design solutions to help reduce the impacts of stronger storms in their area and communicate it with members of their community.

Grades 6–8

Rooted in Solutions: Trees & Climate Change
7-week series

Are trees the solution to climate change? Through place-based, inquiry-driven investigation, students will study the role of trees in the carbon cycle. Then, they’ll expand their investigation to find out whether forest sequestration (or any single nature-based climate solution) is enough to fight climate change. Finally, students will explore their own role as a changemaker by planning a collective, climate-positive action.
Middle & High School

Our Middle and High School programs make science content relevant and exciting through hands-on, place-based lessons that will support your life and earth science curricula. We offer standards-aligned programs that are based at your school, at our wildlife sanctuaries, or a combination of both.

Mass Audubon’s Signature Program

Rivers to Sea is a year-long program in which students and teachers (grades 5–12) partner with Mass Audubon educators to explore, research, and take action in their local watershed.

Through this program, students will learn to recognize the importance and interconnectedness of watershed systems, from rivers to sea. They will also delve into the impact of human activities on watersheds, both positive and negative. At the heart of this STEM-focused program is student involvement in community action projects that will contribute to the improvement of watershed and public health, building their sense of self-efficacy and agency to effect positive change in their local communities.

School educators who participate in Rivers to Sea with their students will work with Mass Audubon educators over the course of a year or more to strengthen their skills and confidence in integrating watershed topics into their curriculum, both in the outdoors and in their classrooms.

Together, we will support student-involved community action projects and help school educators build a support network with their local watershed organizations and other community stakeholders.
Energy Flow
Grades 6–8 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: Understand how energy flows through an ecosystem by making a 3D energy flow pyramid and conduct a photosynthesis experiment to demonstrate that plants are the source of energy in food webs. Meet a live animal and decide how it fits into the flow of energy.

Field Trip: Have fun on the trails finding signs of photosynthesis, decomposition, and predation. Identify the role of animals and plants you find in their food webs, and become ecological detectives by investigating a fallen tree to determine the role decomposers play in energy flow.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Animal Adaptations
Grades 6–8 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: Meet a live animal, and discover how its adaptations help it survive. Students will combine adaptations from different species to create their own, then find out if it would survive or adapt to different habitat disturbances.

Field Trip: How many adaptations can your class find? Compare the adaptations of wildlife you find such as frogs, fish, and dragonflies, and search for tracks and traces on the trails to learn about physical and behavioral adaptations.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Disturbance and Resilience
Grades 9–12 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: Play Ecosystem Resilience Jenga to discover how biodiversity affects resilience. Create a colorful monoprint ecosystem and calculate its biodiversity, then meet a live animal that could live in the school’s neighborhood.

Field Trip: See how many species of plants or animals you encounter, calculate and compare the biodiversity of different habitats, and discover practices and policies that can help increase ecosystem resilience.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace

Carbon Cycle
Grades 9–12 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | Field Trip: 2 hours
Classroom: To connect burning fossil fuels with climate change, students will participate in an interactive carbon cycle game. Students will brainstorm ways to reduce their class’s carbon footprint, and reinforce learning with a mixed media art project.

Field Trip: Test soil in different habitats to discover how wetlands and other habitats can act as carbon sinks. Search for wildlife and determine how harvesting fossil fuels would impact them and their habitats.

Locations: Field trip may take place at any Metro South wildlife sanctuary or a suitable community greenspace
Specialty Programs

The Nest

Grades Pre-K–12 | fall, winter, or spring
Museum of American Bird Art

Opening Fall 2022, the Nest is a nature-inspired maker space, design workshop, and art studio at the Museum of American Bird Art in Canton that offers a unique opportunity for students and teachers to connect with nature and science using art.

Learn about habitats, wildlife, ecology, climate change, and other nature-based STEAM topics included in the Massachusetts Learning Standards, and create art at the Nest to reinforce and expand on topics. Learners will build observational skills and have a great time outdoors while exploring the forests, meadows, stream, and vernal pool on the 124-acre wildlife sanctuary.

The Nest's innovative art projects take advantage of the strong links between creativity, brain function, and learning to deepen understanding of discoveries and connections made outdoors. This unique combination of outdoor exploration and nature-based art creates engaging, hands-on learning opportunities for students of any learning style, age, or background.

Please reach out to Sammi Ocher at socher@massaudubon.org to learn more about how to bring your school to the Nest; how to bring the Nest to your school; about science, art, and cross-curricular teacher professional development opportunities; or for any other inquiries.

Animal Ambassadors

These native, non-releasable animals give students the opportunity to experience up-close the rich variety of life found in Massachusetts.

Possible animal visitors include (subject to change):

**Hawks and Falcons:** Male and female American Kestrels, Peregrine Falcon, Broad-winged Hawk, and Red-tailed Hawk

**Owls:** Eastern Screech Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Barn Owl, Barred Owl, and Great Horned Owl

**Mammals:** Virginia Opossum

**Reptiles:** Painted Turtle, Box Turtle, Wood Turtle, Spotted Turtle, Musk Turtle, and Blanding's Turtle

For the safety of our animals, Mass Audubon teacher naturalists have the right to determine if an animal cannot be used during a program.

Full STEAM Ahead

These STEAM-based curriculums are designed to teach students essential science practices over a series of 6 classroom visits, allowing us to dive deeper and reinforce learning over several weeks or months.

**What Is a Scientist**
Grades K-2 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | 6 Sessions

This program uses nature-based exploration to teach students essential science practices, focusing on asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. The unit will explore the phenology and ecological relationships of a tree, shrub, or other perennial plant at your school during the entire school year.

Location: At your school

**Biodiversity, Adaptation, and Habitat**
Grades 3-5 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | 6 Sessions

This nature-based program teaches students about habitats, natural selection, and adaptation. Students will discover how climate influences animal adaptations via natural selection. Students will find out the amazing differences between climates by drawing weather graphs for global habitats. Then, they'll use clay to sculpt an imaginary animal with the adaptations to survive in a given climate.

Location: At your school
Additional Programs

Afterschool Programs

Enrich your afterschool program with a nature-based option that will get students outdoors to explore, have fun, and practice age-appropriate science skills in their own schoolyard. Whether you have access to asphalt and a few trees, a school garden, or a full forest, we will help your students connect with the diversity and wonder of the natural world.

Animal Adaptations
Grades Pre-K–2 | fall, winter, or spring
Classroom: 1 hour | 6 Sessions

Get students excited about STEAM! Sharpen scientific skills and inspire creativity with a series of afterschool classes. Students will use monoprinting to make their own nature journal, then fill it in each week with scientific observations and activities. Follow the phenological changes of a tree in your schoolyard, seasonal changes seen from a window, or other accessible view of nature. Sample activities include leaf rubbings, tree stories, live animal observations, and more.

Locations: At your school

*Available with live animals (specialty pricing) or without live animals (standard pricing)

Naturalist-in-Residence

Available for all grade levels (Pre-K–12)

Get students outdoors and exploring the natural world right outside of their school doors. Every visit with your Mass Audubon Naturalist-in-Residence will engage students in a hands-on, inquiry-based science lesson. Our staff will work alongside school teachers to integrate these lessons into the science, literacy, ELL, arts, or other curriculum for any grade level. Frequency of visits can vary from weekly to monthly.

iPlan: Mapping the Future

iPlan is a free online game that allows learners to construct, investigate, and solve simulated urban and regional planning problems. Using real geospatial, ecological, and economic data, iPlan transforms any location in the contiguous United States into an interactive land-use planning simulation.

Middle and high school students can design and test rezoning plans that address socioeconomic and environmental challenges and their plans are evaluated by virtual stakeholders who advocate for different community priorities.

Learn more and start playing at i-plan.us.
Pricing & Affordability

Mass Audubon is committed to providing inclusive and equitable access to nature. Our school programs are designed to be accessible to as many schools, educators, and children as possible. **If cost is a barrier** for your students or school, please contact us—financial aid is available for schools with a high percentage of low-income students and we offer discounts for multiple visits.

Field Experience Pricing

Field trip programs that take place at Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuaries are priced at an hourly flat rate for groups of 15 or fewer students. Larger groups will be broken into smaller groups of no more than 15 per Mass Audubon educator. Small group sizes enable us to provide each student with a high-quality experience and individualized attention.

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School-based Program Pricing

Programs for which our educators travel to your school are priced at an hourly rate for the entire class, up to 30 students. There is a two-session minimum for booking these programs. The price includes time spent on-site as well as mileage for travel times up to one hour; travel times over one hour incur an additional cost.

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*Special rates may apply for programs, such as intensive labs or wildlife ambassador visits, that require additional prep time or materials costs.
Mass Audubon’s Professional Development programs are designed to increase content knowledge, provide teachers with hands-on, STEM-focused learning experiences, and offer resources for teaching engaging, inquiry-based science lessons in the schoolyard or classroom. In-person and virtual workshops are available, along with consulting and site visits. For an immersive experience, try one of our professional development Summer Institutes!

Program details, dates and times, registration information, and additional offerings can be found on our website at massaudubon.org/pd.

### Summer Institutes

**Nature School for Teachers: Schoolyard Habitats**

*Four in-person, day-long sessions, plus one online follow-up session in November*

Nature School for Teachers is an opportunity for K-8 teachers to immerse themselves in science by exploring their local habitat and meaningfully connecting with the science practices embedded in the Massachusetts Science Frameworks.

Participants will practice inquiry-based learning methods through hands-on exploration of local habitats, field research, and an investigation design process they can bring back to their classrooms.

Locations: Either Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Lincoln or Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

### Virtual Workshops

**Teaching Climate Justice**

*Three online sessions, two hours each*

Join educators from across the state and gain the skills, tools, and resources to teach climate change.

In this three-part, virtual workshop series, participants will review the basics of climate change science, learn about local climate impacts through a climate justice lens, and explore how to support students’ involvement in meaningful solutions to climate change in their communities.

Location: Online
School & District Workshops

Early Education (Preschool–Grade 2)

Inside & Outside with Nature
With packed schedules and variable access to time outdoors and natural resources, how do you make environmental learning more of a presence in your classroom? In this three-part series, we'll explore where nature can fit into your daily routines (hint: everywhere!) and how to incorporate it seamlessly.

Whether you are an urban, rural, or suburban-based school, the workshops in this series will demonstrate ways to bring nature into learning every day.

Register for the full, three-part series and receive a 25% discount on a site visit at your school, or register for a single workshop. Detailed workshop descriptions are available on our website.

Grades K-8

Bringing Learning Outdoors
Make the most of whatever nature surrounds your schoolyard, whether that’s a parking lot, a suburban lawn or a forest. In this three-part series, we’ll help participants use inquiry-based techniques to incorporate the nature around them into their curriculum, while imparting practical skills to make outdoor learning a realistic, enjoyable, and effective part of the school experience.

Register for the full, three-part series and receive a 15% discount, or register for a single workshop.

Consulting
Mass Audubon will support you in designing nature-based activities that fit into your existing curriculum. Consulting can be done in-person or virtually. Contact us to learn more about how we can support you with individualized curriculum support or custom professional development.

Site Visits
Our teacher naturalists will help you make the most of your outdoor schoolyard for learning, whether it’s in an urban, suburban or rural setting. After the visit we will produce a report with suggestions and ideas for topics and activities that will work well in your space. Each visit includes a complete write-up with notes.
Mass Audubon is the largest nature-based conservation organization in New England. Founded in 1896 by two women who fought for the protection of birds, Mass Audubon carries on their legacy by focusing on the greatest challenges facing the environment today: the loss of biodiversity, inequitable access to nature, and climate change.

With the help of our 160,000 members and supporters, we protect wildlife, conserve and restore resilient land, advocate for impactful environmental policies, offer nationally recognized education programs for adults and children, and provide endless opportunities to experience the outdoors at our wildlife sanctuaries. Explore, find inspiration, and take action at massaudubon.org.

Find Your Sanctuary

Find a place to explore at: massaudubon.org